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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION IN BIEN HOA

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SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION IN BIEN HOA

1. THERE WAS A LARGE BUT PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION JAN 10 IN BIEN HOA TO PROTEST THE NVA AGGRESSION IN PHUOC LONG. THE DEMONSTRATION WAS ATTENDED MOSTLY BY STUDENTS, CIVIL SERVANTS, AND A FEW NOTABLES. WE ESTIMATE THE SIZE OF THE GROUP AT AROUND THREE THOUSAND.

2. AT ABOUT 0800 HOURS DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN TO GATHER IN FRONT OF  
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PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS IN BIEN KXOA, -5 0900 HOURS A NUMBER OF

NOTABLES, INCLUDING THE PROVINCE CHIEF, LOWER HOUSE DEPUTY MRS. NGUYEN THI LY, AND MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE COUNCIL ADDRESSED THE CROWD. FOLLOWING THE SPEECHES, THE CROWD BURNED SEVERAL EFFIGIES REPRESENTING THE PHUOC LONG AGGRESSORS.

3. AT 1100 HOURS THE CROWD MARCHED FROM PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS TO THE ICCS OFFICES IN BIEN HOA. THE MARCH WAS PEACEFUL AND THE CROWD AT ICCS WAS LOUD BUT WELL-BEHAVED. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FOUR DELEGATIONS LED BY THE INDONESIAN CHAIRMAN RECEIVED A GROUP OF TWENTY PEOPLE REPRESENTING THE DEMONSTRATORS. A PETITION WAS PRESENTED AND THE CROWD DISPERSED AT ABOUT 1130.

4. INDODEL DEPUTY CHIEF TOLD US LATER THAT THERE WAS SOME APPREHENSION AMONG THE DELEGATIONS OVER THE SIZE OF THE CROWD AND THAT THE TPJMC HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ICCS MEMBERS AT BIEN HOA. ACCORDING TO INDODEL, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CROWD HAD SINGLED OUT THE HUNGARIAN CHIEF DURING THE MEETING AND ASKED HIM IF PHUOC LONG PROVINCE WAS GVN OR COMMUNIST AT THE TIME OF THE CEASE-FIRE. THE HUNGARIAN REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT HE HAD NEVER BEEN TO PHUOC LONG AND THEREFORE DID NOT KNOW. THIS RESPONSE WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES.

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